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To the Hon. the General Assembly, of the State of Ohio:

The undersigned having seen, and read, with much astonishment, your "H. B. 223" by Dr. Green, desires to enter his protest, as a citizen, one citizen of Ohio, against its passage as presented to the House, for the following reasons, viz:

First—On the broad ground that there is at this time no more necessity for such an act than there was during the past history of the State, and that the people of the State—those who need the services of the Medical profession—have not asked for the passage of any such act, and are, generally, sufficiently intelligent to choose their own means of employing remedies when afflicted, without the restrictions and restraints of this bill, should it become a law in the interest of what is called, in the 5th line and 1st section of this bill the "regular" school, or *calomel* and *knife* school of medicine.

Second—Because, that under the assumed object of placing the Sanitary interests of the State under, or in care of, a State Board of Health, to be appointed by the Governor, the *real* object of the bill is to eliminate all that is not "regular," and of the "itinerant" character, regardless of capacity or intelligence. unless approved by a State board of five "regulars," and only two of other schools, whom even the "regulars" do not recognize as *orthodox*.

Third—Because the bill discriminates not between traveling doctors who advertize to cure *all* the ills of mankind, *charging* and *receiving* heavy fees therefore in advance, when patronized—and that class of *Specialists* whose pay is *contingent upon cure*—who advertise "*no cure—no pay*"—such as *cancer* and *pile* doctors, who fully understand their *specialties*, yet may know little of the *general practice*, nor do not engage in it, any more than "regulars," with some exceptions, are *competent* to treat all diseases, and perform operations in surgery, which *very few* of that school even *attempt*, beyond being spectators at amputations, &c.

Fourth—Because it abridges the freedom of the press by preventing the use of its columns, under severe penalties, unless such special tax should be paid for such use as no State should impose upon its citizens in any honorable and respectable business—a tax, which, if imposed on the members of your Honorable body, for *advertising* your names as *Statesmen* willing to serve your State for accompanying fame and money, would *expunge* at once—and yet the author of this bill would *gladly* see, and have it *imposed* on others, for the sake of the "regular" M. D., at the expense of all who *employ* the services of those detested "itinerants," to cure the maladies which the "regulars" have failed to cure; and would even deprive some *poor old mother* in *Israel* the privilege of continuing her vocation of *mid-wife* whereby some "regular" might be compeled to watch and wait, in expectancy—yet *vainly*, because of her ability and fame in *such capacity*, unless such *poor, old*, Christian mother pay into the State treasury ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS PER MONTH for bringing young GREEN's into the free State of Ohio; which, if she neglect to do, or is unable to pay—and yet *accidentally*, *succeeds* in doing, without complying with the conditions of this act, shall compel her to pay a fine of from *fifty* to *five hundred* dollars and be put in the county jail one year, for each and every offense! In the event of the imprisonment of the OLD LADY for *one year*, during that time, at least, the "regulars" could roll up their *sleeves*, put on their *aprons*, and go in with *freedom*!

And further, because we believe "*travelling men*" could not sell drugs in *any manner*, if this bill should become law, thereby depriving business men, generally, canvassing for such sale to Druggists, unless they also paid this *enormous* and *unrighteous* tax!

And further that while other enterprizes are allowed to use every honorable "*method*" to dispose of and *advertise* their goods, the poor "*itinerant*" shall be put in JAIL ONE YEAR, and pay \$500, if he OPENS HIS MOUTH before he pays \$100, or \$1,200 per year for the *privilege*, and all to protect the "REGULARS" in trying to do business by putting *their light* under a bushel, or may be, a HALF BUSHEL, as that would often be sufficiently large to hold what they, or some of them, emit!

Fifth—Because this is CLASS LEGISLATION, and so *narrow* in its scope, that it develops sympathetic cowardice in a great and intelligent body of M. D's. of the "regular" order, or school, that would make all its members—save Dr. Green, possibly—feel disgraced in the eye of the intelligent citizens of the great State of Ohio, and would be no honor to them even in a collective capacity; and, therefore, we would regret to see so great a protecting wall, acknowledged as *necessary*, to save that grand army of "regulars" from the victorious attacks of "itinerant" QUACKS, who agitate the *placid waters* of the *local practitioner*, by their mediums of information, in the form of circulars or newspaper advertisements, even to the extent of seeking to *restrain* them by *legal decrees* and *prison walls*—or \$1,200 a year, when the people of Ohio have asked no such *protection* against their WILES and IMPOSITIONS!

Sixth—Because we are opposed to punishing one class of men, (and women too,) for the benefit of another class, when punishment should only be inflicted for the good of *every citizen* alike; and especially are we opposed to punishing, or taxing, so *outrageously*, persons guilty of *no crime*, while poisonous *drugs*, in the shape of *whisky*, *brandy*, &c., are daily vended by thousands of men in Ohio, resulting in *murder* and *death*, *poverty* and *want*, to *thousands* of her citizens, and while thousands more, from all sections of the State are appealing to your honorable body for the *privilege* of expressing, *through the ballot*, their *approbation* or *condemnation* of the crime, and yet without result!

Seventh—Because, if the great State of Ohio is short of funds, and such *tax* is the better way to replenish her Treasury, and it is so found profitable and just to crush some of her citizens, we are opposed to *ending* just where the *good fruit* is being reached, and think that a TAX of "ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS PER MONTH" would much sooner supply the deficiency, by adding an additional section to this GREEN bill, including all men who advertise their "*drugs*, *nostrums*, *manipulations*," or publicly propose to *cure* or *treat diseases* of





the body *politic*—such as candidates for the *Legislature* or other high offices—or who profess to do good, such as “itinerant” ministers of the Gospel, like all Methodists; or lecturers, like Joseph Cook, Talmadge, Gen. Gibson, and others; “itinerant” politicians, who travel for months, *advertising their remedies*; or lawyers who take the *grand fees*, to save a *murderer from the gallows*; or the “middle men” who canvass the State in search of wool, stock, lumber, seeds, grain, &c.; with many others to whom the same “special tax” might apply with *equal justice* as to the chosen class named in “H. B. 223”—yes, and in time of war to *every citizen* not graduated at WEST POINT, who should aspire, like GARFIELD, and EWING, and RICE, and LICKENHOOPER (?) and STEEDMAN, and scores of others to be Colonels and Generals, &c., without paying this tax! Without these included the bill “223” is *not ripe*! and therefore, we pray that your *honorable* body may refuse to pass it.

Eighth—But further, and lastly, your *remonstrator* would say to your Honorable body that it is his misfortune to be one of the members *struck at* in this back-handed, *deceptive* and *unjust* bill. In 1857, and for many years before that, he had suffered severely, from affection of the liver. After the use of a *peck* of BLUE-MASS, *calomel*, &c., the skill of some of the best “regulars” was *exhausted*, and relief came not.

During that year he happened in Urbana, Ohio, and soon after, seated in the hotel, and without complaining, one of those *pesky* “itinerants”—a stranger—said to him, “you are not well sir?” To test the man he replied, “may you not be mistaken sir?” This *quack*, however, gave such complete evidence of his knowledge of the case that we then and there paid him the sum of \$14 for medicine to make us whole! And, truly, it did as the *quack* declared it would—performed a complete cure!

About the same time we became afflicted with hemorrhoids-piles. The “regular” remedies used were many, and always with the *same* result—FAILURE! For 25 years we suffered more than tongue can tell! Indeed life became a burden, and the same “regular,” as often as talked to about *cure*, would reply, “If you *check* the *hemorrhage*, *apoplexy* will follow. That is *nature's course* to *relieve* the system!” We find it so stated in “regular” books, too. When hope had almost *failed*, and *death* seemed near, a SPECIALIST—not even an “M. D.” like an angel of mercy to the suffering soul, “CAME THAT WAY.” We are *afflicted no more*, and no *apoplexy*, yet! And no thanks to such as would now make that “itinerant” pay “\$100 per month” for such blessings conferred on man! And his “*coming that way*” resulted from a little *advertisement* seen in the Bloomville, Seneca county, Ohio, paper, for the which, if this bill had then been a law, and its “provisions violated” by him, the “REGULARS” would have him fined \$500, and JAILED ONE YEAR! May God *pardon* such offenders! We can not.

Your remonstrator would further state that since then he has, *personally*, discovered a NEW METHOD—almost entirely painless, and free from danger—of *treating* and *curing* that terrible malady, and secured the same by *letters patent* of the United States—that for years he has been *practicing* this *specialty*—has performed nearly TEN THOUSAND treatments, or operations—has never lost a patient—*never failed to cure*—in every circular he issues he offers the “regulars” “ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR ANY CASE THEY WILL BRING HIM THAT HE CAN'T CURE!” Several physicians—“regulars” have brought him their INCURABLE patients, all of which were CURED by him—and he has furnished his discoveries to a *number* of such physicians, at their request, for VALUE RECEIVED. He has made hundreds of SUFFERING SOULS HAPPY by curing them, and those “POOR AND NEEDY,” *free of charge*—and all on the *fair terms* of NO CURE, NO PAY! And, yet, being an “itinerant,” by the provisions of this “GREEN” bill, we would not dare *advertise* by any method, nor attempt those cures, without first paying the sum of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS, and repeat that *dose every month*, or in *violation* of the provisions of the bill *hide away* in some *dark corner* of some *dingy jail*, and feel in an *empty pocket* for FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS FINE, in the free State of OHIO, surrounded by “regulars”—even the chief of whom—the author of this FANCY bill—we hesitate not to say, *cannot do what we have done!*

In more barbarous countries a *crown* would adorn the head of the humblest citizen who might discover so *important*, *certain*, *painless* a remedy, for the CURE of so *great a malady*, but it remained for a *legislator* of the great State of *civilized* Ohio, to *present*, and ask for its passage into law, H. B. 223, providing for *taxation* and *imprisonment*, *rigorous* in the *extreme*, of any one who dare *travel* and bring to the *eyes* and *ears* of suffering humanity, the “*glad tidings of great joy*,” that *deliverance* is at hand!

Your remonstrator would, in conclusion, embody herein, a quotation from a letter written him from one who came into possession of his circular, in Brownsville, Nebraska, where he then resided, and at once visited him as stated in his letter, and subsequently settled over a church where the letter is written, so that you may see what SCORES of others would say as earnestly as ELDER JOSEPH YATES.

“CANNONSBURG, KY., January 15, 1880.

“VERY DEAR SIR:—I take pleasure in writing you. I got the medicine you sent me. I am nearly well. Have gained 22 pounds since I went under your treatment at Portsmouth, in August last. I owe you a debt of gratitude that I can never pay. For 29 long years I was gradually sinking, and the last 8 years rapidly approaching the gate of death, and I have spent twenty-one hundred dollars in medical colleges in Western States, and all for no purpose, \* \* \* &c., &c.

“ELDER JOSEPH YATES,

Of the Baptist Church.”

Your remonstrator would only ask further, that, if in the judgment of your Honorable body, this bill of Mr. Green's should become law, that the 13th section thereof may be so amended as to *not restrict proper publicity* by *printing*, &c., and that the tax to be imposed may be left discretionary with the board, but not to exceed, in any case, a reasonable and just amount, to be named therein.

For these amendments, (as well as the rejection of the whole bill,) for the reasons hereinbefore given, your remonstrator will ever pray, &c.

Upper Sandusky, Ohio, February 24, 1880.

A. W. BRINKERHOFF.